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UPON FOOD OUTPUT, INCOME, AND EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED
COUNTRIES OF ASIA

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1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT US FOREIGN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE RESEARCH CONTRACT, THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR THE PROJECT IN PAKISTAN IS DILAWAR ALI KHAN OF THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN THE PUNJAB. HE FORMERLY WORKED AT A SENIOR LEVEL WITH USAID PAKISTAN AND IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH SENSITIVITIES AND PROBLEMS IN THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT IN THE AREA OF AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

2. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS ALSO TIMELY BECAUSE PAKISTAN IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE RICE PRODUCTION. ONE OBSTACLE TO INCREASED PRODUCTION IS THE SMALL PLANT POPULATION PER ACRE. MOST TRANSPLANTING IS DONE BY CONTRACTORS WHO ARE PAID BY THE ACRE. THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO SPEND THE EXTRA TIME INVOLVED TO NARROW THE SPACING BETWEEN PLANTS, THEREBY HOLDING DOWN THE PLANT POPULATION PER ACRE AND ULTIMATELY RICE PRODUCTION. IN ADDITION, DURING KEY SEASONS OF AGRICULTURAL
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PRODUCTION THE RURAL AREAS OF PAKISTAN SUFFER FROM LABOR SHORTAGES WHICH COULD BE RELIEVED BY APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF MECHANIZATION.

3. IN ORDER TO INCREASE PRODUCTION, STUDIES OF THE EXTENT AND EFFECT OF MECHANIZATION ARE NECESSARY. FOR THIS REASON THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED STUDY.

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